

Manchester Arts  
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# FOCUS

2016

## PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

### DROP OFF PHOTOS AND EXHIBITION FORMS

1–5 pm Monday, March 21

3–8 pm Tuesday, March 22

Manchester Police Facility (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery)  
200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011

### FOCUS 2016 EXHIBITION

#### Opening Reception:

6–8 pm Friday, April 1 (*Free—Food and Music!*)

Awards Program: 7 pm

Manchester United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall (*West Entrance*)

129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, MO 63011

#### Exhibit Hours:

10 am–8 pm Friday, April 1

10 am–5 pm Saturday, April 2

1–3 pm Sunday, April 3

### FOCUS 2016 AWARDS EXHIBIT

9 am–8 pm Daily (7 days a week)

Open Tuesday, April 5–Monday, May 9

Manchester Police Facility (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Gallery)

### PICK UP PHOTOS

(Photos Not Selected for Awards:)

5–8 pm Sunday, April 3

Manchester United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall Lobby (*West Entrance*)

8:30 am–4:30 pm (Monday–Friday)

Monday, April 4–Friday, May 20

Manchester City Hall (*Historic Lyceum*)

14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011

### Award-Winning Photos Pick-Up:

3–6 pm Monday, May 9

Manchester Police Facility (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Gallery)

8:30 am–4:30 pm (Monday–Friday)

Tuesday, May 10–Friday, May 20

Manchester City Hall (*Historic Lyceum*)

14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011

*Photos not claimed by May 20 become the property of Manchester Arts, and will not be retained.*

# CALL FOR ENTRIES

Download entry forms at: [manchestermo.gov/arts](http://manchestermo.gov/arts)

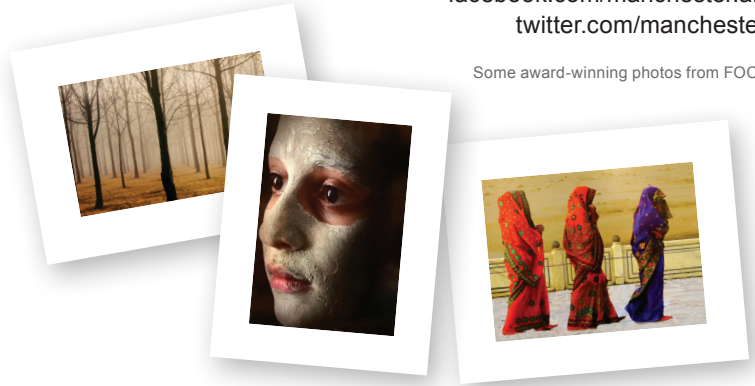
For more information, email: [focus.manchesterarts@gmail.com](mailto:focus.manchesterarts@gmail.com)

or call Doug Whitaker at 314.374.3619

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Some award-winning photos from FOCUS 2015



FOCUS 2016 is an open-themed competition and exhibition, **FREE** to enter and attend, and open to all residents of the greater St. Louis metro area, ages 5 and up. Submit your best (*family-friendly*) photographs (*2 images maximum.*)

## All Ages and Skill Levels Welcome!

Photos may be of **anything** you choose, created **anywhere**.

(See RULES on page 2, for more details)

### PHOTOS WILL BE JUDGED WITHIN FOUR (4) AGE CATEGORIES:

**Ages: 5-13; 14-20; 21-49; 50+**

Four cash prizes will be awarded in all age categories. At least 1 image from each photographer will be on display at the exhibition. All winners receive a prize ribbon, award certificate, prize check (if applicable), public recognition at the opening reception awards program and will be featured on the Manchester Arts Facebook page and website. **Prizes totaling nearly \$1,700 will be awarded to winning photographers, with 4 'place' prizes and at least 3 honorable mention prizes per age category, plus 1 Best of Show Award.**

### JUDGES:

**Randy Allen** Photography Section Chair, and Board of Governors President, St. Louis Artists' Guild

**Scott Angus** Assistant Professor of Art/Photography, Maryville University

**Judging will be based on strength of subject and message, creativity, originality, and overall excellence.**

**FOCUS 2016** is a community arts event presented by Manchester Arts, with funding from the City of Manchester and the Regional Arts Commission.

Major program support is provided by West Newsmagazine, the West St. Louis County Rotary Club, and the Manchester United Methodist Church.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **FOCUS 2016 is an open-themed exhibition, free to enter and open to all residents of the greater St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA.)** ALL skill levels are welcome and encouraged to enter, ages 5 and up. Submit your BEST photographic images (2 entries, maximum.) FOCUS 2016 is open-themed; photos may be of ANYTHING you choose, created ANYWHERE, but all MUST be 'family-friendly.'
- B. **Photos will be judged within 4 age categories; Ages 5–13; Ages 14–20; Ages 21–49; and Ages 50+.** Choose your age category based upon your age as of April 1, 2016.
- C. **Cash prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in each of the 4 age categories, plus at least 3 (non-cash) Honorable Mention prizes per category.** A 'Best of Show' prize will also be awarded, chosen from all entries. Winners receive a prize check (if applicable), ribbon and award certificate. Prizes total nearly \$1,700 — winners will be notified during the week prior to the opening reception.
- D. **JUDGES:** Scott Angus, Assistant Professor of Art, and Head of the Photomedia Concentration at Maryville University; Randy Allen, Photography Section Chief and President of the Board of Governors at the St. Louis Artists' Guild. **Judging will be based on strength of subject and message, creativity, originality, and overall excellence. All decisions of the judges are final.**
- E. **At least 1 photo entry from each participant will be displayed at FOCUS 2016.** Photos displayed may not be removed until the exhibit closes. Winners' names and photographs will be featured on the Manchester Arts website ([manchestermo.gov/arts](http://manchestermo.gov/arts)) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/manchester.arts.mo](https://facebook.com/manchester.arts.mo)).
- F. **Manchester Arts encourages the sale of your artwork**, but no sales will be made on-site at either exhibit. Please determine the value of your work or mark them 'Not For Sale' (NFS.) Purchase requests will be forwarded privately to the photographer. No art commission will be collected.
- G. **FOCUS 2016 is FREE to enter and attend, and open April 1–3, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall (West Entrance) of the Manchester United Methodist Church**, 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, MO 63011. The opening reception is from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, April 1, with the awards program beginning at 7 pm. The exhibit will also be open from 10 am to 5 pm Friday, April 1; from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, April 2; and from 1–3 pm on Sunday, April 3, 2016.
- H. **The FOCUS 2016 Awards Exhibit, a FREE display of all award-winning (including Honorable Mention) photographs, will be open for daily public viewing from 9 am to 8 pm, seven days a week, in the second floor 'Courtroom Gallery' at the Manchester Police Facility**, 200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011. This exhibit will open **Tuesday, April 5**, and close **Monday, May 9, 2016**.

## PHOTO ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS

- A. **Each photographer may submit a maximum of two (2) printed photography entries**, either color or black-and-white, created during the past 2 calendar years (beginning in January, 2014) created in-camera either on film or with any digital device (including phones, tablets, etc.)
- B. Image(s) must be **primarily photographic in origin**, and may be enhanced via darkroom or digital post-processing and editing. All unique artistic styles and techniques used to create or process the final image(s) will be allowed.
- C. Image(s) must be the original work of, and created solely by, the entrant. No straight reproductions of other photos or artwork are allowed.
- D. **Image(s) MUST be 'family-friendly,'** meet acceptable standards, and may not contain objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the final and binding discretion of the exhibit sponsor, Manchester Arts.
- E. **All entries must be printed on photographic paper, and matted or mounted using LIGHT-WEIGHT photo mat board, foam core, heavy card stock, etc. NO frames or glass allowed. NO gallery wraps; NO metal prints.** (Photos printed on canvas, metal paper, or other materials will be accepted if mounted on light-weight board.)
- F. **Neutral-colored matting ONLY is required for this exhibition — NO colored mats will be accepted!** Please choose black, white, or any shade of gray if you mat your photos. (Off-white is okay; beige, brown, or any other color will not be accepted.)
- G. **Minimum acceptable photo image size is 4 x 6 inches**, but must be mounted on a minimum 8 x 10 inch mat board.
- H. **Maximum acceptable photo image size is 18 x 24 inches**, mounted on a maximum 18 x 24 inch mat board.
- I. Multiple images (such as a diptych or triptych, etc.) that are displayed together on the same board (not to exceed the max 18 x 24 size) are considered to be ONE entry for this exhibition.
- J. Photographers may not submit work that was entered in a previous Manchester Arts photo exhibit.
- K. **Completed entry form (provided) must be legibly printed, with the waiver signed, and presented in person WITH the photo entries at drop-off.** Label (provided) with Name, title (or description), and age category should be attached to the **BACK** of each board.
- L. **Detach, and bring completed Title Cards to Drop-Off.**
- M. Please do not submit photos with photographer's name imprinted or attached to the front of the entry or imprinted on the photograph. This is a 'blind' judging process — your identity must remain unknown.

## PHOTO DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- A. Photo entries for FOCUS 2016 are to be hand-delivered to Manchester Arts representatives, in the second floor public meeting room at the Manchester Police Facility, 200 Highlands Blvd. Dr., Manchester, MO 63011. **Photo drop-off times are from 1–5 pm Monday, March 21, and 3–8 pm Tuesday, March 22, 2016.** Manchester Arts reserves the right to reject any photo entry that does not meet the criteria set forth in this Call For Entries. Please bring completed, signed Entry Form and Labels (provided) when dropping off photos. There is NO entry fee.
- B. Non-winning photographs may be picked up at the end of the main exhibit, at the **Manchester United Methodist Church, from 5–8 pm Sunday, April 3**, in the West entrance lobby. After this pick-up opportunity, any remaining non-winning photos will be moved to the **Manchester City Hall (Historic Lyceum)**, 14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011. The photos may be picked up at your convenience between **8 am and 4:30 pm Monday–Friday, beginning Monday, April 4 through Friday, May 20.**
- C. Award-winning photographs will be moved to our FOCUS 2016 Awards Exhibit, at the **Manchester Police Facility**. These photos may be picked up at the end of that exhibit, at the **Courtroom Gallery in the police facility, from 3–6 pm on Monday, May 9.** After this pick-up opportunity, any remaining award-winning photos will be moved to the **Manchester City Hall (Historic Lyceum)**, 14318 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63011. The photos and ribbons may be picked up at your convenience between **8 am and 4:30 pm Monday–Friday, beginning Tuesday, May 10 through Friday, May 20.**
- D. **Any photos not claimed by 4:30 pm Friday, May 20, become the property of Manchester Arts, and will not be retained.**

Please read all of the **Call for Entries** information and **Exhibition Rules** before filling out this Entry Form.  
Fill in this Entry Form page on your computer and print it out, or print out this blank page, and legibly write in the info.

**BRING THIS ENTIRE, COMPLETED, SIGNED PAGE WHEN YOU DROP OFF YOUR PHOTO(S).**

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... ZIP .....

Email .....

Phone .....

Age Category (*Check One*)      ☐ 5–13      ☐ 14–20      ☐ 21–49      ☐ 50+

School .....  
(5–13 and 14–20 categories, only)

Entry 1 Title ..... Price .....  
(or NFS)

Entry 2 Title ..... Price .....  
(or NFS)

## AGREEMENT/WAIVER

- A.** All precautions will be taken in handling photographs, but Manchester Arts cannot assume liability for loss or damage.
- B. Publicity release:** Artists entering this contest agree that the City of Manchester and Manchester Arts have permission to reproduce this work (with credit) for a period of one year, for promotional purposes.
- C.** Entrants agree that all award-winning (*and any possible additional selected*) photographs may be retained by Manchester Arts for a period of up to 60 days, for further public exhibitions.
- D.** By entering this contest, the entrant agrees **(a)** to be bound by the rules of this competition, and **(b)** that the decision(s) of the contest sponsors and of the judges, are final and binding with respect to all matters relating to the competition.
- E.** By entering this contest, the entrant hereby releases and discharges Manchester Arts, the City of Manchester, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any and all liability and injuries sustained or loss incurred by virtue of participation in any of the identified programs, and agrees to hold each of them harmless with respect thereto.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian must sign for any competition entrant under 18 years of age.)

## ENTRY LABELS / TITLE CARDS

Complete entry labels (below); cut neatly to detach, and attach onto the **BACK** of each photo entry, at the **TOP RIGHT** of the mat board.

### ENTRY LABEL 1

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(or brief description)

**Age Category (Check One)**

☐

5-13

☐

14-20

☐

21-49

☐

50+

### ENTRY LABEL 2

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(or brief description)

**Age Category (Check One)**

☐

5-13

☐

14-20

☐

21-49

☐

50+

Complete title cards (below); cut neatly to detach, and bring to Drop-Off.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Category (Check One)**

☐

5-13

☐

14-20

☐

21-49

☐

50+

School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Category (Check One)**

☐

5-13

☐

14-20

☐

21-49

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50+

School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_